

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

I always feel a little guilty when I read the latest child-rearing manuals, because it seems that in nine out of ten chapters we're doing something wrong. I wouldn't mind as much if my own kids weren't pointing out our shortcomings continually.

For instance, our kids want to know why we don't adhere to the recommendation which states that the "ideal family is one which holds regular family conferences so that every member has an equal voice in voting on issues such as deciding how much money should be spent on items in the family budget."

Presumably, this means that free elections are held to decide whether the head of the household should buy a new suit or should the money be spent on a new record player and three Beate albums.

I guess it means, too, that before the bills are paid each month, a motion has to be made, seconded and woe be to Macy's or any other creditor if 6-year-old Jan votes "nay."

I knew my husband would be about as enthusiastic about this arrangement as the Aga Khan would be in presiding over a New England town meeting. But I didn't expect him to suggest that in lacking a gavel he could call the meeting to order by taking off his shoe and pounding it on the table.

At this point he stalked out of the room as did 7-year-old Sharon when she was told she couldn't be the secretary because it was decreed that someone older, who could write in cursive rather than print, should take notes.

Nevertheless, I attempted to carry on a semblance of parliamentary procedure with the remaining quorum, spelling out what we hoped to accomplish, for instance, to make everybody aware of our financial picture.

"I don't think little kids should have to worry about bills," Diane, who is nine and wise for her years, then announced.

I explained hastily that we did not intend to have them decide on the usual issues listed in the child-rearing manuals, such as family finances, where we should go vacations, what punishment should be doled out, etc.

One of the older kids, a real wisenheimer, then wanted to know whether they would be allowed to vote on whether Red China should be admitted into the United Nations.

"Our purpose," I continued, quoting from the book, "is to hold regular family councils in order that you many contribute your ideas, your hopes, your dreams..."

"Mom," Brian interrupted, "you always talk like this when you want us to do some work. What is it this time, the garage?"

"A motion has been made that you kids clean the garage this afternoon," I replied. I'm still waiting for a second to the motion.



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LOUIVER - PATTERSON

Miss JoKay Louvier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Louvier, 4840 Browdeer Lane, Rolling Hills, became the bride of Thomas G. Patterson in an evening wedding at the Foursquare Church in Chatsworth on July 16.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Patterson of Encino, former Torrance residents.

The bride wore a long gown of Chantilly lace and silk organza, over cotton satin, made by her mother. A large silk rose held her veil and she carried a cascade of butterfly orchids and feathered carnations. Mr. Louvier escorted his daughter to the altar.

Miss Dorothy Campbell was the maid of honor wearing a long mint green gown. Susan Holschere, in yellow, was flower girl and Miss Carter Condon was bridesmaid.

Irving Pederson stood as best man and ushers were Jim Patterson, Jay Louvier and Phillip Carney.

Rev. Carl E. Burns officiated at the double ring ceremony.

A church reception was held followed by a Big Bear honeymoon.

The bride, a graduate of South High School, will enter her senior year at UCLA next month. She is employed by the Torrance Recreation Dept. this summer.

Her husband received his early education in Torrance and Virginia. He attended Pierce College in Woodland Hills and is employed by the Garrett Corp.

Emblem Club Local Women in State Offices Annual Dance Set Aug. 27

Gardena Emblem Club will present its annual Cotton Casual Dance on Saturday evening, Aug. 27, at the Gardena Elks Hall, 1735 W. 182nd St.

Gold pedestals, topped with floral arrangements, will decorate the hall. On each table will be a tray of hors d'oeuvres.

Music for dancing will be furnished by Thomas Ulrich and his music makers beginning at 9 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

Tickets are now on sale and may be had by calling the Elks Hall or the chairmen for the evening, Mrs. Harry Johnson and Mrs. Fred Jones.

Sports shirts for the men and cotton casuals for the women is the attire for the evening.

Installation of officers at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel concluded a three-day convention of the State Council of California, Daughters of America.

Mrs. Evelyn Wakefield of Huntington Park, deputy national councilor, conducted the installation.

Installed in state offices were Nemo Curie of Long Beach, councilor; Agusta McLean, San Leandro, associate councilor; Lorraine Duke, South Gate, junior past councilor; Doris Lewis, Richmond, associate junior past councilor.

Also Meses, Hattie Stroh, Huntington Park, Judy Fenton, Lawndale, associate vice councilor; Helen Nelson, Bell, council secretary; Isabelle Boubel, La Habra, treasurer, Dixie Browne, Los Angeles, council conductor; Angeline Desario, Torrance, council warden; Leota Puzzy, El Cerrito, inside sentinel; Minerva O'Conner, San Francisco, outside sentinel; Helen Nelson, Bell; Lillian Picha, Redondo; and Laura Bannon, Anaheim, representatives to the national convention in New York City, Oct. 2 through 5.

Mrs. Currie, the new national president, chose avocado green, royal blue and gold as her colors. She selected the name Golden Bear Council 17 for her

subordinate council, which was formerly Long Beach Council 17.

Golden Bear Council meets in the Torrance Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia, on the first and third Thursday of each month.

"Unity and Perseverance" were chosen as Mrs. Currie's motto and her slogan is "Do Your Best and Somebody Might Like It."

After a demonstration by the Council and the District 1 Drill Team, Mrs. Currie was presented her gavel by Mrs. Glada Yost of Torrance in memory of Mrs. Ruth Deems, who was a 50-Bear Council 17 for her year member.

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Family Here For Wedding

Miss Dorothy Reddington, niece of Mrs. R. A. Bingham, became the bride of Richard Foss last Saturday evening at the Community Church in San Fernando. Miss Robin Bingham was a bridesmaid at the wedding.

Last Thursday evening, Dr. and Mrs. Bingham entertained relatives, here to attending the wedding, at a dinner at their home on Engracia Ave.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Day of Livermore, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Reddington of American Fork, Utah, and the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid, also of Utah.

Also attending the dinner were the bride-elect and her fiancé, and the bride's sister and brother, Edith and Harry Reddington of Helper, Utah.

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Beta Alpha Party Set Saturday

A barbecue and swim party will highlight the summer social activities for members and guests of Beta Alpha Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority next Saturday evening, Aug. 27.

The party, to which special invitations have been extended to prospective members, will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kelly Sims, 7 Lantana Pl., Rolling Hills Estates, beginning at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Roy Keenan, social chairman, has planned this event and is being assisted by Meses, E. W. Alstaetter, William Morris and Rex Birch.

Invited guests include Meses and Mmes Al Gunneron, L. G. Zastovink, Peter Mossman, T. Jebbia and Major and Mrs. James Morrison.

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